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The following is a summary of Soviet activity along the Iranian border for the period 20-26 February 1952. 25X1

Pol Dasht

1. The number of trains and loaded cars has increased during this weekly period. The number of night trains has doubled, but the types of loads have remained the same for day and night trains. In view of the fact that no empty trains were observed during day traffic, it is possible that the empty cars were returned at night.
2. Following is a tabulation of cars for the areas:

Previous week: ¹	558 cars westbound 504 cars eastbound
This week:	729 cars westbound 568 cars eastbound
Daily maximum:	Previous period - 243 cars This period - 141 cars
Daily average:	Previous period - 151 cars This period - 187 cars

Dzhulfa

3. Rail traffic increased in the Dzhulfa area over last week. However, it has not reached the standard shown during the preceding two weeks. The increase therefore is not extraordinary.

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4. Following is a tabulation of cars for the area:

Previous week:	226 cars west; 197 cars east
This week:	313 cars west; 287 cars east
Daily maximum:	Previous week - 152 cars This week - 203 cars
Daily average:	Previous week - 66 cars This week - 85 cars

Sia Rud

5. Traffic in the Sia Rud area has increased but has not reached the volume shown for the week ending 12 February. The types of loads have not changed, consisting mostly of lumber, coal, and trucks. The number of night trains has not changed. Tank cars going east have increased in number; it is not known if the tank cars are full.

6. Following is a tabulation of cars for the area:

Previous week:	161 cars west; 336 cars east
This week:	394 cars west; 349 cars east
Daily maximum:	Previous week - 117 cars This week - 224 cars
Daily average:	Previous week - 71 cars This week - 106 cars

Khuda Afarin

7. Little activity was observed in the Khuda Afarin area. The number of trains decreased. A large number of empty cars passed through this area. There was a total of 695 empty cars, 404 of which moved eastward. A comparison of this number with the 190 cars eastbound from Sia Rud indicates [redacted] that there may be an important railroad yard between Khuda Afarin and Sia Rud or that there is a side track cutting off toward the north [redacted]

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8. Following is a tabulation of cars for the Khuda Afarin area:

Previous week:	672 cars west; 1095 cars east
This week:	762 cars west; 632 cars east
Daily maximum:	Previous week - 262 cars This week - 210 cars
Daily average:	Previous week - 252 This week - 194

Night Trains

9. With the exception of the Dzhulfa area, night train traffic has increased during the week:

	<u>Pol Dasht</u>	<u>Dzhulfa</u>	<u>Sia Rud</u>	<u>Khuda Afarin</u>
Previous week:	25	39	23	--
This week:	48	23	24	--

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Tank Cars

10. There have been no conspicuous changes in tank car traffic during this week. The number of cars has increased from 507 to 514, with the most notable increase in the Pol Dasht area -- from 143 to 213.

Activities of Border Units and Garrisons

11. The Dzhulfa area was the center of border unit activities and maneuvers. The extent of these activities was limited compared with last week, but several 105 mm guns were involved. Last week 545 soldiers and officers participated in the maneuvers, whereas their number dropped to 235 this week.

Road Traffic

12. Vehicles moving to and from Ordubad by road were as follows:

Trucks - 315
Automobiles - 34
Jeeps - 31
Motorcycles - 12

The number of vehicles increased in this area, but the number of soldiers transported dropped from 850 last week to 750 this week.

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